estimate of Rs. 2·89 lakhs against the revised estimate of Rs. 2·33 lakhs. The large increase of Rs. 1·94 lakhs under Forests and Tramway over the revised estimate of Rs. 6·48 lakhs has been rendered necessary on account of the proposed extraction and transport of a much larger quantity of timber than in the current year. The strengthening of the taluk and treasury establishments of the Land Revenue department, the organisation of a Survey School, the deputation of a hand or advanced survey training in British India, etc., have all been dealt with in the Memorandum in your hands.

Law and order services

Let me now pass on to the Law and Order Services—Law and Justice, Jails, Police and Military. The surging wave of unrest in British India in August last had its repercussions in the State also and all these departmets had their hands full as a consequence. Even though the conditions have now become normal, its effects are still partially reflected in the budget before you.

Law and Justice.—Two special Magistrates with first class powers had to be appointed in the course of the year to try the numerous cases under the Defence of India rules, etc., and they are to continue for part of next year.

Police.—Under Police the budget estimate for the current year was only Rs. 3·06 lakhs: in the revised estimate it rose to Rs. 3·19 lakhs and for the coming year it is fixed at Rs. 3·72 lakhs *i.e.*, Rs. 0·53 lakh more than the revised estimate. The large temporary force has to be continued further; a reallocation of the several grades of the force was effected in the course of the year. Besides the dearness allowance granted to them as in other departments, it is proposed to give the Police force a war allowance at the rate of Rs. 1—8—0 for each and hence the provision of Rs. 0·14 lakh. The higher cost of clothing, etc., for uniforms also accounts for the increase.

Jails.—The continuance of the existing temporary establishment of the deputy jailor, warders, etc., is found necessary as the prison population is still large. The rise in the number of prisoners and the high prices of food stuffs and clothing have necessitated larger provisions under Diet of Prisoners and Clothing and Bedding. The agricultural operations started this year in the Jail under the supervision of an officer deputed from the Agricultural department are to continue.

Military.—On the reorganisation of the Military I have spoken elsewhere. The strengthening of the force, the intensive training being given to them to make them effective units in times of necessity, the formation of a new cosmopolitan unit thrown open to all classes, etc., all these form the important features of the budget estimate.

Administrative Services

Passing on, I now come to the departments like General Administration, Finance and Accounts, Palace and Miscellaneous.

General Administration.—As compared with the revised estimate (Rs. 2·36 lakhs) the budget for the coming year anticipates an increase of Rs. 0·53 lakh of which the Huzur Secretariat accounts for an increase of Rs. 0·23 lakh owing to the larger provision for Printing Charges, and the large temporary establishments of two Superintendents, and clerks who had to be entertained to meet the larger volume of work brought about by the war and civil supplies. There is provision of Rs. 0·30 lakh under State Loan for various items of expenditure connected with the floatation of the new Conversion Loan to which I shall come immediately.

Finance and Accounts.—Except for the continuance of the two temporary local audit divisions and of the leave reserve staff and the new provision for a stock-taking Officer with staff for verification of the stock of medicines in the Central Stores of the Medical Department no special features are provided in this department.

Miscellaneous.—Under this has been included all sundry items of expenditure that have had to be incurred to meet the present crisis and they include such divergent items as A.R.P., War Publicity, National War Front, Civil Supplies, Evacuation, Hill Paddy, etc. The temporary establishments that have had to be created to meet the present emergencies are indeed numerous. Police and Military for defence measures have 278 employees, the Civil Supplies department excluding audit has 717 hands, Price Control establishment of the Excise department has 88, the grain purchase staff number 175, the War Publicity and National War Front have 33 hands; and the A.R.P. both divisions employ 571 persons. It is however consoling that the present crisis has given employment to such a large number of persons; but the problem of their further employment on the termination of the present emergencies will indeed be a taxing one. This is however only a problem for the future.

Coming now to the subject proper I have not much comment to make as the figures explain themselves; the A. R. P. and allied measures are continued, but, the

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